

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0815

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: SHUM, PINS, MZ  
SUBJECT: ESTIMATE OF NUMBER O DETAINEES IN MOZAMBIQUE

1. A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN WHO IS A REGULAR EMBASSY CONTACT ADVISED THAT IN A CONVERSATION HE HAD RECENTLY WITH THE GOVERNMENT "PROCURADOR" (ATTORNEY-GENERAL) FNU TOCHA CELHO, COELHO REVEALED THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS ON DETAINEES IN MOZAMBIQUE. THE PRISION POPULATION IN MOZAMBIQUE WAS APPROXIMATELY 10,000. OF WHICH 2,000 WERE IN PRISONS IN THE MAPUTO AREA. OF THIS MAPUTO FIGURE ONLY 80-90 WERE "WHITES." THE NUMBER IN RE-EDUCATION CAMPS AND OTHERWISE DETAINED WAS ROUGHLY 70,000 NATIONWIDE, OF WHICH AT LEAST 10,000 WERE JEHOVAH'S WITNESSESS. COELHO STATED THERE WAS A SEVERE PROBLEM IN SUPPLYING FOOD AND MEDICINES TO THE PRISONS AND RE-EDUCATION CAMPS.

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2. COMMENT: WHILE THE NUMBER OF DETAINEES SOUNDS HIGH TO US, THE SOURCE SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO KNOW. THE EMBASSY WILL SEEK TO CONFIRM THESE FIGURES.  
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